

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION

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SUBJECT: Basic Exploitation Program for Near East, South Asia, and Africa

A. General

1. The following Basic Exploitation Program for Near East, South Asia, and Africa is effective as of this date. The program consists of four monthly information reports: one on Arab States and Israel; one on Greece, Turkey, and Iran; one on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; and one on Africa.

2. The following personnel are responsible for compiling information received, maintaining branch and division schedules and receiving information from other branches of the division for the reports indicated:

Monthly Information Report on Arab States and Israel -

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Monthly Information Report on Greece, Turkey, and Iran -

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Monthly Information Report on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -

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Monthly Information Report on Africa -

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The Chief of the Western World Branch will designate alternates for the above personnel as required.

3. Generally items presented should represent full exploitation, in approximately 125 words or less. Exceptions will be indicated by bracketed notes on the nature of the information omitted.

4. Information on subject categories covered in the FDD Selected Briefs from the International Press will not be included in the reports published under the Basic Exploitation Program for the Near East, South Asia, and Africa.

5. The schedule of reporting will be maintained as indicated.

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B. Program

The following reports will be issued in the FDD Summary series, in press style, consisting in general of summaries of information in newspapers, periodicals, and monographs. A list of sources will be maintained by BW. The classification of all reports will be "CONFIDENTIAL."

1. Monthly Information Report on the Arab States and Israel

This report will contain information on the Arab States and Israel, by country.

Subjects: a. Military information (army, navy, air force)

b. Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs (e.g. ME Defense; Arab Mutual Security Pact; Arab League treatment of minorities; RCC activities; oil agreements, attitudes toward the Soviet bloc, member nations of the Western bloc, and neutralism)

c. Major legislative changes

d. Organized labor activities in the Arab States

e. Activities of political, religious, and minority groups (e.g., orthodox churches, Moslem Brotherhood, Pan-Islamic Conference, Committees of Arab League)

f. Population structure and problems in Israel (to support NIS Section No 41)

g. Constitutional system in Israel (to support NIS Section No 51)

h. Transportation and telecommunications

i. Industry and agriculture (including foreign participation in industrial construction, petroleum industry, and support of NIS Section No 64 on Israel)

j. Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)

k. Biographic (based on specific requests)

Schedule: To BR at 0900 on the 2nd Monday of every month. (To begin 15 November 1954)

2. Monthly Information Report on Greece, Turkey, and Iran

This report will be organized by country

Subjects: a. National and provincial political developments (including activities of secret and army officers groups)

b. Activities of minority and religious groups

c. Labor developments

d. Popular reaction toward internal and external affairs (including complaints about cost of living, smuggling activities, and foreign economic activities, except US government groups; oil agreements)

e. Public welfare information on Greece (to support NIS Section No 43)

f. Transportation and telecommunications

g. Industry and Agriculture (including foreign participation in industrial construction)

h. Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas, especially in Turkey)

i. Air force and naval information

j. Biographic (based on specific requests)

Schedule: To BR at 0900 on the 1st Monday of every month (To begin 8 November 1954)

3. Monthly Report on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan

This report will be broken down by countries.

Subjects: a. Data on Soviet economic penetration in Afghanistan

b. Comment on external affairs (from the provincial press only)

c. Developments in and India's relation with Kashmir, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Assam, and Tibet (from the local-language press only)

d. Political activities and developments in Pakistan (i.e. Azad Kashmir; the North West Frontier province, tribal areas, and states; Baluchistan province and states; and East Bengal)

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- e. Characteristic of the people in major regions of Pakistan (i.e. Bengali, Baluchi, Sindhi, Punjabi, Pushtu, Pahari region of Azad Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Gilgit and Western Ladakh as support for NIS Section No 42)
- f. Religion, Education, and Public Information in Afghanistan (to support NIS Section No 43)
- g. Comments on Hindu-Moslem relations
- h. Organized labor activities
- i. Military information (only pertaining to army and air force data on Afghanistan and from al-Hilal on Pakistan)
- j. Transportation and telecommunications (including graphic information on airfields)
- k. Industry and Agriculture
- l. Geographic information (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- m. Information on governmental structure, both central and local, for Afghanistan)

Schedule: To BR at 0900 on the 4th Monday of every month. (To begin 29 November 1954)

4. Monthly Report on Africa

This report will contain information on Africa by country.

- Subjects:
- a. Activities of political parties and organizations (especially native, settler pressure, and European groups in Tangier, French and Spanish North Africa, Belgian Congo, Union of South Africa, and Portuguese Africa; local organizations of French political parties in French North Africa)
  - b. Political agitation and tribal unrest (including detailed data on units, personalities, and buildings involved in North Africa)
  - c. Comments on internal and external affairs (including political and social reforms; spread of Islam and Christianity in Belgian Congo, French West and Equatorial Africa; federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia; Somalia's preparation for independence by 1960)

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- d. Sociological developments affecting growth of nationalism
- e. Organized labor activities (including affiliation, strength, personalities, and elections)
- f. Military for Africa south of Sahara (local military and security forces including personalities; bibliographic references to military and economic publications)
- g. Transportation and telecommunications (including logistic problems)
- h. Industry and Agriculture (including mining)
- i. Geographic (surveys, accounts of travels in little known areas)
- j. Biographic (information on leading economic personalities and third-strata officials)

Schedule: To BR at 0900 on the 3rd Monday of every month.  
(To begin 22 November 1954)

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